है । यह 2.9 है । हमारे मित्र बड़ा शोर मचा रहे हैं । 1991-92 में यह इंडेक्स 13 डेसीमल 7 था । यह 1990-91 में 10.3 था । जब 10 था तब आप लोग थे, जब 13 था तब आप लोग थे । आज हमारी सरकार के समय में इट इज ऑनली 2.9 परसेंट । जो महंगाई का शोर मचाया जा रहा है उसमें कोई सच्चाई नहीं है । दरअसल महंगाई आज कंट्रोल में है । सरकार के अनाज के भंडार पूरी तरह से भरे पड़े हैं । ...(**व्यवधान**)... किसी भी वक्त एवेलेबिलिटी की कोई कमी नहीं है । सारी चीजें पूरी तरह से उपलब्ध हैं । ...(**व्यवधान**)... इस शोर के पीछे राजनीति है । गरीब के प्रति किसी किस्म की रणनीति नहीं है । ...(**व्यवधान**)...

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री टी.एन. चतुर्वेदी) : प्लीज आप बैठिए। आप बैठिए । ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री शांता कुमार : सरकार का यह फैसला तर्कसंगत है । इस निर्णयर से गरीब लोगों की मदद हुई है । इस सरकार के निर्णय से गरीबों को राहत मिली है । हमने अबोव पावर्टी लाइन के लोगों को कहा है कि आपको राशन की दुकान पर जितना चाहोगे अनाज मिलेगा । हमने बैसाखियां हटा दी हैं । अब सब्सिडी नहीं होगी । इसलिए नहीं होगी कि समाज का सम्पन्न वर्ग अपने पैरों पर चलने लायक हो गया है । अब उसको सरकार से सब्सिडी की उम्मीद नहीं रखनी चाहिए । हमने 33 करोड़ लोगों के लिए सब्सिडी 2270 करोड़ बढ़ाई है । जो गरीब है उसको हमने मदद दी है । हमने गरीबों को राहत दी है । यह निर्णय सरकार का है और इसके कारण जो महंगाई का शोर मचाया जा रहा है उसमें कोई सच्चाई नहीं है । इस शोर के पीछे राजनीति ज्यादा है, महंगाई का कोई सवाल नहीं है । धन्यवाद ।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): Now, Smt. Vasundhara Raje to make a statement regarding the successful launching of INSAT-3B. *(Interruptions)* ^ ?ft *^mi <^* tft^ 11 *W^* cit 3m ts ^5!T^ I

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF SATELLITE INSAT-3B

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTEROF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONRS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC

GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): Mr. Vice-Chairman, I am pleased to inform the hon. Members of the House that the Indian-built INSAT-3B satellite was successfully launched on March 22, 2000 from Kourou, French Guyana, by an Ariane-5 launch vehicle. Soon after, the Master Control Facility at Hassan took charge of the satellite operations and in three successive steps, using the satellite onboard propulsion system, the satellite was placed in geostationary orbit at 36,000 km. After completing the deployments of solar panels and antenna reflectors, the in-orbit testing of the communications payload has been successfiiily completed. The satellite is now ready for commencing its operations.

INSAT-3B is the first of the third generation INSAT series with four more satellites to follow. INSAT-3B is collocated with INSAT-2E at 83 degree east longitude. It carries 12 extended C-band transponders, three Ku-band transponders and S-band mobile satellite service payloads. The satellite primarily caters to business communications, mobile communications and development communications. It provides the first set of transponders for Swama Jayanthi Vidya Vikas Antariksh Upagraha Yojana (Vidya Vahini) for interactive training and development communication giving fillip to the Training and Developmental Communication Programme using INSAT system.

Today, the INSAT system is one of the largest domestic multipurpose satellite systems in the world, with more than 85 communications transponders and payloads for meteorological applications. It provides a variety of services in the area of telecommunications, TV broadcasting, developmental communication, education, rural development, weather prediction and disaster warning. In this perspective, INSAT-3B represents the nation's resolve to use Space capabilities for a wide range of its developmental needs.

It is heartening to note that this complex mission was carried out in a professional and efficient manner fi-om the INSAT Master Control Facility at Hassan, supplemented in the early phase by the ground stations in Canada, Australia and Italy. The INSAT system is a joint venture of the Department of Space, the Department of Telecommunications, the India Meteorological Department, All India Radio and Doordarshan.

I would like the House to join me in complimenting the Indian Space

Research Organisation of the Department of Space and all other agencies involved in this programme for the success of this mission.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI); The House *...(Interruptions)...*

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI (Kerala): Sir...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI):: There is no other name or something in this.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: We are joining in congratulating the scientists of our country. As the President of the INTUC, ISRO, I compliment them.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): The entire House joins in congratulating them.

The House now stands adjourned till 11 A.M.. tomorrow.

The House then adjourned at twenty minutes past six of the clock, till eleven of the clock, on Thursday, the 20th April, 2000.